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THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000. CAPITAL CALLED UP, 251,093.50.

Bankers: CAPITAL & COUNTRY BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office: 3, PRINCES STREET, LONDON.

Branches: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

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RATES OF INTEREST

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,

Manager: Hongkong, November 6, 1893.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

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D. GILLES, Esq. H. STOLBERG, Esq. CHAN KEE SHAN, CHOW TUN SHAN, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager: GEO. W. F. PLAXFORD.

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BANKERS:

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PEAR'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893.

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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £1,125,000.

Bankers: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily Balance.

ON MIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months, 5%

For 6 Months, 4%

For 3 Months, 3%

JOHN THUREBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1894.

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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposit is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,

Chef Manager: Hongkong, May 16, 1893.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$4,200,000.

PROPRIETORS, \$10,000,000.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS—

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On Current Account, at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 3% per annum.

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For 12 Months 5%

T. JACKSON,

Chef Manager: Hongkong, March 1, 1894.

Intimations.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

SHIP'S STORES.

Wines, Spirits, Stout, Ale, Liqueurs.

TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND CREAM" WHISKY,

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S "HIGHLAND WHISKY."

ADET Seward & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.

SACCOMY'S SHERRIES.

HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s and JAMISON'S IRISH WHISKIES.

COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.

HOBOEK DE BIE & Co.'s HOLANDS.

VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.

CIGARS AND TOBACCOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1894.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:

FOR STEAMSHIP DATES REMARKS.

JAPAN.....Ancona.....4 p.m., 17th March....Freight or Passage.

LONDON via MARSEILLE.....Morning.....Daylight, 18th March....Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI.....Thames.....About 26th March....Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.Ascan.....Noon, 29th March....See Special Advertisement.

LONDON.....Ascan.....About 29th March....Freight or Passage (calling at MARSEILLE if sufficient inducement offers).

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, B. R. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 15, 1894.

Intimations.

NOTICE OF LETTER.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. B. P. KARANGIA, of Canton, is authorized, from and after this date, to SIGN through Bills of LADING on behalf of the above-named Company.

By Order: H. U. JEFFRIES,

Manager.

Hongkong, March 12, 1894.

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Notices to Consignees.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MOGUL,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-

HAMA AND KORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for counter-

signature by the Undersigned, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from

the Vessel impeding her discharge will

be landed in the Godown of the HONG-

KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO.,

and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst.

will be sold at auction, all broken, baled,

damaged and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godown, and where they will

be examined on the 17th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1894.

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NOTICE TO TO MARINERS.

NO. 46.

BLASTING IN STEAMER PASSAGE, CAMBRIDGE

ROCK BARRIER.

NOTICE is hereby given that BLASTING

OPERATIONS are about to be carried

on for a short time in the steamer (South)

passage of the CAMBRIDGE ROCK BARRIER

in the Whampoa Channel of the Canton River.

Whenever it may be necessary to close

the passage to navigation a red flag

will be hoisted on a pole at the North

side of the passage and another at the

masthead of the steamer at the Canton

Signal Station on the hill of Dan's Island.

So long as the flag is flying, vessels

bound to Whampoa must not approach

the barrier nearer than half a mile,

and those bound to Canton must proceed

by the Blenheim (or Buck) Beach.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1894.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL.

RETURN VISIT OF THE
LONDON LYRIC COMPANY.

Proprietors, F. E. HARDY & SAVILLE SMITH.
Manager, SAVILLE SMITH.
Under the Distinguished Patronage of
H. H. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

TO-NIGHT,
THURSDAY, 16th March,
THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

TO-MORROW
(FRIDAY), 17th March,
Dion Boucicault's Beautiful Play of
'ARRA NA NOGUE.'

SATURDAY, 18th March,
The Screeching Burlesque of
'PANTOMIME REHEARSAL.'

NEW VARIETIES to follow each play.
PRICES AS USUAL.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-price
to Back Seats only.

Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at 9.
A SPECIAL TRAIN will run to the
Peak after the Performance.

Box Office at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.
EDWIN FERGUSON,
Business Manager.

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To-day's Advertisements.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenowen* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, at Kowloon, whence they may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected on Consignees of Cargo intended to present all claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 29th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

Under the Patronage of
H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON and Lady
ROBINSON.

H. E. Major-General Digby BARKER and
Mrs. BARKER.

Mr. FIELDING CLARKE and Lady CHARLES,
Commodore BOYES and Mrs. BOYES.

A LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT
will be held on the
TENNIS LAWN AT EAST POINT
(Kindly lent by the Hon. J. J. KESWICK).

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
March 31st.

By Courtesy of Lt.-Col. ROBINSON and
Officers of the Band of the Shropshire Light
Infantry will be in attendance.

Admission \$1.00. Children half price.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs.
KELLY and WALSH, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., and Messrs. W. POWELL & CO.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessel, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANNE CURTIN, American ship, Capt. H.
R. Nicholls—Order.

ANDRAKE, British ship, Captain JACKMAN,
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LORATE, Italian barque, Captain J. B.
Castrone—D. Munro.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Charge of Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
OWHUA, TIENSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Titan, Captain BROWN, will be
dispatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWATT,
Agents.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

The Co.'s Steamship
Hawking, Captain ROACH, will be
dispatched for the above
Port on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Argo, Capt. J. C. WILLIAMSON,
will be dispatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 19th Instant, at
Daylight.

To be followed by the Steamship
Father, on the 20th instant.

And the Steamship
Port Phillip,
early in May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILLI & CO.,
Agents.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Zefiro, Captain CORBIN, will be
dispatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at
5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation
for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWWAN & CO.,
General Managers.

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GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON,
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Glenowen, Captain WEBSTER, will be
dispatched as above on
about TUESDAY, the 27th instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation
for Passengers, and carries a Doctor
and Surgeon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
Agents.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Leaving
Bremen & Ports of Call	Karlsruhe (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	April 2, at 3 p.m.
Japan	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 17, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Tenu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 20, at 12 m.
London & Ports of Call	Kaisow (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	9, at 5 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Assam (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 20, at noon
London & Ports of Call	Forino (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	18, at 12 m.
London & Ports of Call	Spondiis (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 26.
London & Ports of Call	Java (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 26.
Manila, via Amoy	Shawan & Co.	Shawan & Co.	March 19, at 5 p.m.
Marsella & London	Savoy (s)	Marsella Maritime	March 21, at noon
Marsella & London	Oliver (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About March 27.
New York & Suez Canal	Changia (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 20.
New York & Suez Canal	Argyll (s)	Douglas, Carrill & Co.	March 20, daylight.
France, via Japan	Belgie (s)	O. & S. S. Co.	March 24, daylight.
France, via Japan	Peru (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Kildare (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About March 26.
Shanghai	Thomas (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	17, at 12 m.
Shanghai	Titan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About March 16.
Shanghai and Kobe	Maria Valeria (s)	Sands & Co.	About March 16.
Spain, C. B. & H. Bay	Marie (s)	Japan Yuson Kaisha	March 20, at 4 p.m.
Spain, H. & H. Bay	Liwang (s)	Siamson	March 16, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Tsin	Fokien (s)	Douglas, Carrill & Co.	March 21, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & Tsin	Hailong (s)	Canada, Pacific & Co.	March 21, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Empress of Japan (s)	Peru	March 20, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Mogul (s)	North德士歇尔	March 16.
Yunnan, Koko & Nankin (Nanking) (s)	Yunnan (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About March 16.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.	MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL
Per Siam, from Bangkok, 15 Chinese.	Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett Hayes
Andrew and child	Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hawley
Mr. C. H. Horne	Mr. S. S. B. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hom	Mr. and Mrs. E. Hom
Mr. H. E. Bowditch	Mr. and Mrs. C. & 3 children
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mr. Chantrey Ingham Brown	Mr. C. Malach
Mr. Hart	Mr. H. F. Mayorkin
Mr. R. H. F. Mr. Van Niekerk	Mr. D. C. Smith
Dr. and Mrs. Cantlie	Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Paul
Cohen	Mr. James Rankin
Mr. J. B. Douglass	Mr. C. S. Taylor
Captain Fawkes, R.N. Mr. J. Y. Vernon	Mr. F. B. Hardy
Mr. Fawkes & maid	

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Mr. G. Bowman	Miss Hargraves
Mr. Brian	Mr. H. Hewlett Hayes
Mr. Brian	Mr. E. H. Whitehead
Capt. Buchanan	Mr. Isidor
Mr. van Carthick	Mr. and Mrs. M. Mallett
Mr. George Gandy	Mr. Then Mask
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. M. F. Miller	Mr. and Mrs. Nunn
Mr. W. M. D. Family	Mr. A. Peretz
Mr. O. H. D. Dall	Mr. G. Sawell
Mr. Durant	Mr. D. C. Smith
Mr. J. F. East	Mr. J. S. Smith
Mr. Farmer	Miss Tassell
Mr. Foulby	Mr. R. Townchend
Mr. E. Ferguson	Miss Trigge
Mr. John Foreman	Mr. Vallance
Miss Gregor	Mr. Vernon
Mr. D. Harding	Miss Ward

PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. J. Chaudoir	Capt. and Mrs. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mr. Murray	Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Steel
Mr. Grimald	Mr. and Mrs. Hindley Smith
Capt. and Mrs. Hunt	Mr. Stoker
Mr. Macleod	Capt. and Mrs. Welman

SHIPPING REPORTS.

For SAIGON.	MAILED WILL CLOSE—
For Tientsin, at 8.30 a.m.	on Friday, the 1st inst.
Per Bendarig, at 2.30 p.m.	on Friday, the 16th inst.
For SWATOW.—	
Per Fokien, at 11.30 a.m.	on Friday, the 16th inst.
For Tsinling, at 1.30 p.m.	on Friday, the 16th inst.
For SINGAPORE.—	
Per Lazarus, at 3.30 p.m.	on Friday, the 16th inst.
For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—	
Per Tien, at 5 p.m.	on Friday,

THE CHINA MAIL.

(4) The quantity of work remaining to be done.—
 (5) The estimated cost of completing the same.—
 (6) The cost of the deep sewer, commencing at the Murray Barracks Nook, running along Western Street, and along the Praya to its outfall into Fowick's Yard.—
 And (7) What amount of the cost of the deep sewer, running through and draining property, mostly one-half of which belongs to the Imperial Government, has been paid and will be refunded by the Military Authorities.—

And further will the Government state whether in the opinion of the responsible Authorities the separate system has worked satisfactorily up to date, and if not, what are the reasons for its failure, and the remedial measures, if any, it is proposed to adopt?

The Colonial Secretary read a statement from the Acting Director of Public Works in which the following answers were given:—(1) With the exception of the Kennedy Town District and the construction of five sewer outfalls, the whole of the new drainage scheme on the separate system, as designed by Mr Chadwick, has been completed westwards of the Murray Road; (2) The departure from Mr Chadwick's original model is, (a) The Peak sewage has been carried down Garden Road instead of down Albany Road; (b) The outfall shown at Western Street has been diverted to Fowick Street; (c) one outfall has been constructed at Ship Street in place of the two originally designed to discharge at Spring Garden Lane and opposite Blue Buildings. This necessitated carrying the sewage from the Wanchai Road to the Haad Street outfall. The only one of these departures that is of importance is the one last mentioned. It has been approved by Mr Chadwick. (3) The total amount expended on the new scheme to 31st December, 1893, has been \$181,564.

(4) The work remaining to be done on 31st December last comprised the drawing of Kennedy Town district and the portion of the city lying east of Land Road, and the construction of five outfalls in the Western and Central portions of the city. (5) The estimated cost of completing the same is \$100,000. (6) The cost of the sewer runs from Murray Barracks Nook down Arsenal Street and along the Praya to Ship Street will be \$7500. (7) The Military authorities have not been asked to contribute towards the cost. (8) In the opinion of the responsible authorities the separate system has worked quite satisfactorily up to date. The Colonial Secretary added that, up to the end of 1893, 30 per cent of the houses in the Colony have been redrained and connected to the separate sewers, and that the Sanitary Board are taking steps to require the owners of certain tenements, of which the water-closets discharge into storm-water drains, to disconnect from those drains and connect them to the separate system. The Colonial Secretary further directed that the remarkable improvement that had taken place in the atmosphere during the past six months, 1893, was due to the decrease in the death rates, as compared with 1888, of 5.31 per 1000 for non-Chinese, 9.25 for Chinese, and 9.01 for both combined; or a decrease of 23 per cent, nearly 29 per cent and over 28 per cent respectively, of the death-rates in 1893. These figures, he should say, show that Hongkong has already made considerable progress along the road of sanitary improvement, and they reflect great credit on those who have been responsible for the sanitation of the town during the last six years!

HONGKONG POST OFFICE.

Mr Whitehead—Will the Government upon the table a statement showing the gross expenditure of the Post Office for the years 1890, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, and '00, still outstanding, compared with those years, also separately?

The Colonial Secretary said he had been supplied with the following figures by the Treasurer and the Postmaster General:—

Income. Expenditure.

1890.....\$148,460 \$15,393

1891.....142,770 120,165

1892.....157,609 154,248

1893.....167,597 119,153

Approximate outstanding liabilities, 1892, \$745; 1893, \$34,222. These statements of expenditure do not include pensions, nor some other items which are necessary for a complete statement, but are not readily ascertainable, such as interest on cost of buildings and depreciation of buildings.

POST OFFICE, TREASURY, COURT HOUSE, LAND OFFICE, ETC.

Mr Whitehead—asked the following question:—Will Government pressure and lay upon the table an estimate of what money these premises would probably realize if exposed to auction, and what would be the probable cost of erecting a suitable Post Office, and Court House, including a Law Office, etc., on Government ground on the new Praya Esplanade?—The Colonial Secretary replied.—The Director of Public Works estimates the amount realizable by the sale of these premises at the present time to be the sum of these premises, including O'Byrne's Store, at about \$230,000, and the cost of erecting suitable buildings on Government ground on the new Praya Esplanade, exclusive of the value of that ground, which is very valuable, and not including a building to replace O'Byrne's Store, at about \$240,000. The estimate of the amount realizable is, of course, matter of speculation; and the present time is not opportune for throwing a quantity of Government land on the market.

CROWN ORDINANCES.

Mr Whitehead, in accordance with notice given by him at the last meeting of Council, asked the following question:—Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Petition, dated 12th December 1893, to The Right Honourable The Marquis of Ripon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, from the Praya, Canton, and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., and the China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., praying for Government assistance in their efforts to ameliorate the condition of their ships in Hongkong, as may be thought necessary and effectual, &c., &c., and a copy of any reply which may have been received thereto?

The Colonial Secretary said—The petition has been forwarded to the Secretary of State. No reply has yet been received. Pending receipt of reply, it is not proposed to lay any paper on the table.

CHINESE AGENTS.

Mr Whitehead—in view of the West Indian Colonies (including British Honduras and British Guiana), having recently passed Resolutions through their Legislatures condemning the Crown Agency system as an expensive and wasteful medium for the transaction of their business, and a like feeling obtaining amongst a large number of rate-payers in this Colony, will the Government lay upon the table at the earliest possible date, a copy of the Parliamentary Paper C. 3076 of 1891, which is said to contain full information as to the arrangements between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents?

The Colonial Secretary—I have written to the Crown Agents, and when I receive it will lay it on the table.

THE PO LEUNG KUK.

Mr Whitehead—Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Despatch No. 204 of 22nd December last, from the Right Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in connection with my memorial, dated 27th June 1893, praying His Lordship to return Ordinance No. 10 of 1893, for Hongkong for amendment, in the directions indicated therein, and to recommend to the Colonial Government, either to remove the Registrar General from the Governing body of the Po Leung Kok, or to invest him with powers adequate to his duties and responsibilities to the women and girls under his care, under Ordinance No. 11 of 1890?

The Colonial Secretary—I laid on the table a few minutes ago the bulk of the despatch in question. The remainder of it is not matter of public interest, and it is not proposed to lay it on the table.

LOCAL FINANCERS.

Mr Whitehead concluded his question by asking whether the Government would inform the Council—

(1) What monies were expended by the Crown Agents in England, on account of the Colony, during 1893.

(2) How much of these were defrayed out of the proceeds of the Colony's recent Gold Loan.

(3) What amount, if any, of our revenue during 1893 has been remitted to, or drawn for by the Crown Agents, from the Colony, to defray their expenses, and the rates of exchange, if any.

(4) Have any monies derived either from revenue in 1893, or from Supreme Court, or Reclamation Department, been remitted to England, or withdrawn from the Colony during the past nine months, for any purpose other than to defray necessary expenditure in England on account of the Colony.

(5) If so, what amount, from what funds derived; at what rates of exchange remitted, how employed in England, and at what rates of interest, under what authority have such remittances been made, and for what reasons.

(6) What amount of the Colonial Government's funds now remain in England, how much thereof is derived from revenue, how much from deposits, and how much from the proceeds of the recent Gold Loan?

The Colonial Secretary—The answer is:—

1. £249,120.

2. The whole of the loan was temporarily employed in this expenditure. The ultimate application of the whole of the Colony is restricted by law to expenditures on Public Works, and the amount in the schedule to the Local Ordinance.

3. \$165,000 was remitted from revenue to the Crown Agents by means of drafts on them in 1893, at rates of exchange varying from 2/2d to 2/3d.

4. In addition to the remittance just mentioned, \$200,000 belonging to the Reclamation fund was similarly remitted at 2/4d as regards the remainder.

5. (a) Already answered. (b) The authority for the remittances is the order of the Secretary of State who has forbidden the local Government to retain funds in the local banks beyond a maximum of \$350,000. The reason for the order is the greater security obtained by keeping the funds in excess of the prescribed maximum in England. The remittances have been employed by the Crown Agents in the appointment of a Retirement Committee. The names I suggested are—Mr Justice Ackroyd (Chairman), Mr Chater, and Mr Keewick. I also asked to be allowed to appoint a prominent outsider, and I received sanction for the appointment of Mr N. J. Ede.

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Mr Whitehead should be informed that the Unofficial Members would not accept the proposal and urged the necessity of postponement until the Retirement Committee had given their report. I added that the Unofficial Members were agreed that in view of the fall in exchange an increase of salaries should be made. I am very glad to inform you that the Secretary of State has agreed to my suggestion and recommendation as to the appointment of a Retirement Committee. The names I suggested are—Mr Justice Ackroyd (Chairman), Mr Chater, and Mr Keewick.

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Mr Whitehead moved that the motion be referred back to the Committee on Finance.

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This amendment, he said, was the outcome of a meeting of the Unofficial members at which the motion of the Colonial Secretary was discussed and at which a unanimous decision was arrived at. They were agreed that the fall in the gold value of silver was a matter which called for a readjustment in the scale of salaries; but they did not think the present was the time to do anything which would entail a considerable loss of salary.

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Indian Colonies (including British Honduras and British Guiana), having recently passed Resolutions through their Legislatures condemning the Crown Agency system as an expensive and wasteful medium for the transaction of their business, and a like feeling obtaining amongst a large number of rate-payers in this Colony, will the Government

lay upon the table at the earliest possible date, a copy of the Parliamentary Paper C. 3076 of 1891, which is said to contain full information as to the arrangements between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents?

The Colonial Secretary—I have written to the Crown Agents, and when I receive it will lay it on the table.

THE PO LEUNG KUK ORDINANCE.

The Secretary of State's despatch on the subject of the Po Leung Kok incorporation, Ordinance, 1893, was laid before the Legislative Council at the meeting this afternoon:

Douglas Street, 23rd December, 1893.

Sir,—I have had under my careful consideration your despatch No. 184 of 27th November, 1893, submitting for the signature of His Majesty's pleasure, the Po Leung Kok incorporation Ordinance, 1893, and your despatch No. 131 of 27th December last, giving your consent to the same.

The military contribution of \$40,000 per annum had, owing to the fall of exchange, gone up somewhat between \$30 and \$35,000. That was a very large sum, and it only represented a great many others.

Mr Bellamy said it was with sincere regret that he felt himself compelled to support the amendment. The civil servants who were suffering from shrinkage of their incomes had his warmest sympathy; but this was a common grievance, a calamity which affected not merely one section or class, but more or less, every resident in the Colony, high and low, rich and poor.

Europeans and Asiatics all experienced the pinch and were affected directly or indirectly by the abnormal enhancement in the value of the yellow metal.

Why, therefore, were they asked to come to the rescue of civil servants who had no fault to find? The military contribution of \$40,000 per annum had, owing to the fall of exchange, gone up somewhat between \$30 and \$35,000. That was a very large sum, and it only represented a great many others.

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If the micro-organisms were derived from the sewage and sewer walls their number would increase with the length of time traversed or with the length of time the air had been in contact with the source of contamination. Although one is led almost irresistibly to the conclusion that the micro-organisms in sewer air are numerous, it is difficult to ignore the evidence, though it is only circumstantial, that sewer air in some instances had apparently had some causal relation to syphonic disease.

It is conceivable, though at present no evidence is forthcoming, that the danger of sewer air causing disease is an indirect one; it may contain some highly poisonous chemical substance, possibly of an alkaloid nature, which though present in but minute quantities may nevertheless produce in conjunction with the large excesses of carbonic acid a profound effect upon the general health. We consider that the information obtained from these experiments is interesting and valuable, and we are entitled to rely upon it under the articles of association, but I think it would have been very much better if they had taken a nominal sum. There is something in this Hotel, I am satisfied, I have not been shareholder for a number of years now. I was interested in working the Hotel when it was worked profitably, but I sold my shares. 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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, Kobe, Inland Sea, Friday, March 16, at daylight, and Yokohama...
Osaka (via Nagasaki) Wednesday, April 4, at daylight.
Gödo (via Nagasaki, and Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) Wednesday, April 25, at daylight.
Honolulu.....

THE Steamship BELGIO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, TOMORROW, the 16th March, at Daylight, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passages Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked in address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

General Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 15, 1894.

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U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, Peru (via Nagasaki), Saturday, March 24, at daylight, and Yokohama...
City Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki), Thursday, April 12, at daylight, and Yokohama...
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) Thursday, May 3, at 1 p.m., Yokohama.....

THE U. S. Mail Steamship PERU will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, 24th March, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight to Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

First Class Passengers have full choice of any of the Overland Routes, including CENTRAL PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, NORTHERN PACIFIC, and DENVER and RIO GRANDE RAILWAYS. They can also travel over the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$10 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, Alameda and Island Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway to Havana, Trinidad, and Demarara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's Agents and connecting Steamers.

Fright will be required on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Passages will be ready for delivery until 5 p.m., same day. Parcel Packages should be marked in address in full; value insured required.

General Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1894.

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NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:
ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1894, at Noon, the Company's S.S. SYDNEY, Commandant ANGE, with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPREOLE, and GARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Spools will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th March, 1894. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1894.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA,ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;

ALSO

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.ON MONDAY, the 2nd day of April 1894, at 3 p.m. the Company's
Steamship KARLSRUHE, Capt. REINHOLD
with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and GARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon on SATURDAY, the 31st March.
Cargo and Spools will be received on
board until Noon on MONDAY, the 2nd April,
and Parcels will be received at the
Agency's Office until Noon on SUNDAY,
the 1st April. Contents of Packages are
required. No Parcel Receipts will be
signed at less than \$2, and Parcels should
not exceed Two Foot Cubic in measure-
ment.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
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Linens can be washed on board.

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Hongkong, March 10, 1894.

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, February 21, 1894.

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Stocks Nos. of Shares. Val. per share Paid up. Closing Quotations Cash.

Hongkong and Shanghai B. & C. Co. 80,000 \$ 125 all 92 1/2 prem. sellers.

Bank of China, Japan and Korea, Ltd. 95,870 \$ 125 all 100 1/2 1m. nominal

National Bank of China, Limited 1,200 \$ 125 all 81 10 5/8 ex div. sellers

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